

Phony School Polls, Talent Offers Hit

Phony educational surveys and school census takers were on the receiving end of a double-barreled blast yesterday as spokesmen for the Torrance Unified School District and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce lashed away at the fake rackets.

Opening up the first salvo was Superintendent of Schools J.H. Hull, who released a statement saying that "no such surveys are being made at the present time under the auspices of the Torrance Board of Education, nor has anyone been authorized to canvass homes in the name of our schools."

Following up with a similar blast at the phonies was Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Isenberg said that reports being made to the Better Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber indicate that solicitors have been asking for the names

Stolen Payroll Checks Cashed Here Police Say

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A legitimate survey of preschool age children will be undertaken in the near future, Dr. Hull said. He also said that seventh and eighth grade students will make a house-to-house survey to determine the number of pre-school age children now in Torrance to serve as a guide to the school trustees in planning future school building programs.

This information will not be made available to salesmen, pitchmen, mailing list compilers, or others, Dr. Hull emphasized.

Used by Salesmen Isenberg said the information is often used by follow-up agents, solicitors, or salesmen who are selling books, play yard equipment, or offering motion pictures and television opportunities through a central talent bureau.

On the latter angle, Isenberg said, the talent bureau usually requires expensive photographs (they'll name the studio) and a \$35 registration fee.

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Torrance merchants were warned this week to be on the lookout for stolen payroll checks made out on the Maccos Corporation of Paramount, Calif. Some have been cashed here.

Issuing the warning was Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett of the Torrance Police Department who said a number of the checks had been stolen and the passer is also using stolen identification badges from the firm to use when cashing the checks.

The signatures of Donald Magnuson and A. C. Van Vagt is forged to checks, Bennett said. The checks are drawn on the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles, he said.

Any merchant having such a check in his possession is asked by Bennett to call him at the Torrance police station.

Tartar Teen Talk

By DORIS POPOVICH

Good news is always welcome at T.H.S. This week the news that Fred Diesel, a popular member of the junior class, is getting fast in his fight against the school P.T.A. The membership drive ends tomorrow. The high school students benefit in many ways through P.T.A.—they operate the concession stand at the football games and we receive 50 per cent of the total profits. Let's show them we appreciate it and help raise their membership total.

October 30th is the big night of the Torrance homecoming game honoring all alumni. A queen and four attendants will be chosen soon to reign over the half-time activities.

We ask all Tartars to please keep in mind the fact that we are all working real hard to once again get our name on that sportsmanship trophy. We're hoping that all students in the student section at football games will act in accordance with the Bay League rules. A loss of one point could ruin our hopes.

The terrific Tartar Band journeyed to the Coliseum last Saturday to take part in the half-time activities of the Southern California-Oregon State game. We are proud of our band and know that they represented our school well.

Last Wednesday afternoon five members of the student council attended a Bay League game at Beverly Hills High School. They brought back many fine ideas for the student council to work on. The ones attending were Jerry Farrar, Bob Hopkins, Judy Nash, Sally Sprout and Lorraine Miller.

Have you noticed how the alumni support our Tartar team on Friday night? I think it's real terrific that they still have that 'Tartar spirit' in them.

The little maroon rookers caps that were floating around school last Friday looked real great. More of them have been ordered and will go on sale today at the student store.

Tomorrow night's varsity game with Redwin Park will honor the dads of the football players. The proud fathers will be sitting on the bench wearing the numbers of their sons.

The Torrance High School Variety Show, "Blackouts on Review," has promises of being the best yet. The hard-working cast will present the show on Dec. 5.

This is just a reminder to all students of T.H.S. that we should all be working real hard to once again get our name on that sportsmanship trophy. Good cooperation in the student section at football games can really help a lot.

It seems as though quite a few girls were heading over to Peggy Wood's house last Friday night after the game. What was the occasion? A slumber party, of course. All the girls agreed they had a terrific time. By the way, that adds another year to Peggy's old age. She's sixteen now.

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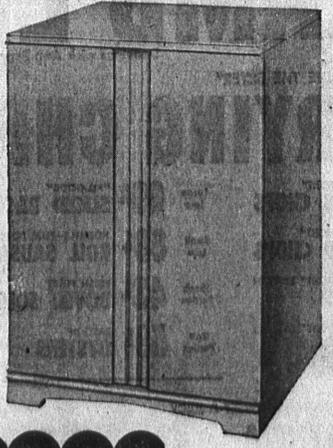
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County Guesses Population Here At 40,139 Now

If past performance on the part of the County Regional Planning Commission can be used as a guide, Torrance must now have a population of at least 45,000.

Figures released this week by the regional planners put Torrance down for a population of 40,139—and in the past that group has been several thousand short on its estimates for this city's population.

The planners say the harbor area now has a population of 175,000. This, they say, is a gain of 45,000 persons since the 1950 federal census.

Biggest gain was in Torrance, according to the planners' figures. The 1950 census showed Torrance had a population of 22,241, and their estimate was nearly twice that for 1953.

The Keystone-Dominguez area was credited with a present population of 26,427 compared to 19,821 in 1950.

Other present population figures reported by the regional planners include San Pedro, 47,952; Wilmington, Harbor City and Shoestring Strip, 48,553; Lomita and unincorporated Foothill Verdes district, 13,980; and Foothill Verdes Estates, 3733.

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